

Let no one return evil for evil, or insult for insult. On the contrary, make us a blessing for others, for this is our calling.

As God's children, we will inherit a blessing so far surpassing the momentary trouble we face and the inscrutable behavior we suffer.

God, Your blessing does not rest only on us. God's blessing, once revealed, so penetrates our being and all our relationships that we become a blessing for all our brothers and sisters in the human family, now and in the future, and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LINDER). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CELEBRATING THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT

(Mrs. KELLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Over 20 years ago, several Members of this House, along with Members from the other body, worked tirelessly and in a bipartisan fashion to advance the interests of small businesses caught in the endless stream of new regulations pouring out of the Federal government. Regulatory agencies and executive departments were constantly advancing new regulations with a one-size-fits-all approach. This approach to regulation was destroying our small businesses.

A handful of visionaries came to the rescue with the Regulatory Flexibility Act which is often referred to as the magna carta of small business rights. It was advanced in a bipartisan manner by a group of individuals who deserve our praise today.

Members of the House who led the charge back then were Andy Ireland, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and Neal Smith. Their colleagues in the Senate were John Culver

and Gaylord Nelson. From the business community, there were many individuals who contributed to this effort, most notably John Motley and former Congressman Mike McKeivitt. And, of course, as with most things we do, there was exceptional staff work done on making the Regulatory Flexibility Act a reality, most notably the contributions of then the House Committee on Small Business staffer, Stephen P. Lynch.

Happy birthday Reg Flex Act.

REFORM FOR SENTENCING OF SEX OFFENDERS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, a 22-year-old Boston transvestite kidnapped and molested a 12-year-old boy with a screwdriver. After all of this, the judge said there is just a little too much hype about this case. Thus, Judge Lopez sentenced this sex offender to 1 year probation and no jail time.

Unbelievable. What is next? Country clubs for child molesters? Think about it. These courts are so screwed up, admitted serial murderers get 3 square meals, TV, law libraries, and air-conditioning.

Beam me up. I say there should be a court-ordered sex change on this transvestite performed by Dr. Lorena Bobbit in Boston, Massachusetts. That would stop this garbage.

I yield back the fact that this judge should be removed from office.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HOLLYWOOD UNDERMINES CANDIDATE CREDIBILITY

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, on August 10, 1999, there was an article in the Los Angeles Times. AL GORE was in Hollywood raising money for his campaign.

The Los Angeles Times reported that he told these big Hollywood contributors in very clear terms that a probe into Hollywood violence was the President's idea, not his. These Hollywood big wigs make a lot of money from violent movies and did not like the idea of Washington politicians meddling with their profits.

Well, Mr. Speaker, that investigation that AL GORE once disavowed is complete and it turns out that these Hollywood types have been marketing violent movies and video games to 12-year-olds. Even President Clinton is mad. But AL GORE has accepted over \$13 million in donations from this special interest industry.

Now, AL GORE wants us to believe that he is going to do something about

violent movies, video games and music lyrics. Would it seem too cynical if I said, quite simply, I do not believe it.

CALLING FOR RECALL OF CONTAMINATED GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CORN

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, we are told over and over again that the Food and Drug Administration is protecting the food supply by carefully scrutinizing this new genetically engineered food technology with full consideration for our safety. We are told over and over again that the biotech food industry will protect us. We are told over and over again that genetically engineered food is safe.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues may have heard the startling new reports that unapproved genetically engineered corn has contaminated the Taco Bell taco shells found on our grocery store shelves. This corn has not been approved by the EPA for human consumption because of their concern for allergens.

The GE food industry, the genetically engineered food industry fails the American public and they are losing the public's trust in this matter.

Yesterday, the FDA announced that they will recall the product if their own testing confirms the contamination. I am asking Members to please sign my letter to the FDA asking for the recall and the FDA testing of more products that might contain this illegal corn variety.

DIGITAL DIVIDE ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY ACT

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, let me share some statistics with my colleagues. Over 100 million Americans today are online, and seven new Americans go on line every second. One-third of all new jobs today are created in the technology sector, and in my home State of Illinois, salaries of technology workers are 59 percent higher than other traditional jobs.

There is great opportunity in this new economy, but educators tell me they notice the difference back home in our schools between those children who have computers and Internet access at home and those who do not. When we ask why they do not, they always say that the cost is the biggest challenge.

Well, the private sector, Ford, Intel, Delta and American Airlines have stepped forward to provide Internet-accessed computers for their employees. Unfortunately, the IRS wants to